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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. 08/104,508, filed on 08-10-93.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) filed 07-12-01 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent; each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. The lined-through document 59-153331 was not submitted with the IDS.

Reissue Applications

1. This application is objected to under 37 CFR 1.172(a) as lacking the written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the patent. The consent of the assignee must be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.172. See MPEP § 1410.01.

A proper assent of the assignee in compliance with 37 CFR 1.172 and 3.73 is required in reply to this Office action.

2. The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because

3. The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

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- The oath or declaration must identify each inventor by full name, country of citizenship, residence and mailing address as required by 37 C.F.R 1.63 (a-c).
- The error which is relied upon to support the reissue application is not an error upon which a reissue can be based. Rather, the added claims are the corrective action for the original patent. The "at least one error" must be set forth in the declaration. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1).
- It fails to contain a statement that all errors which are being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of the oath/declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.175 (a)(2).

4. Claims 53-74 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175. The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

5. Claims 53-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being broadened in a reissue application filed outside the two year statutory period. Claims 53, 66 and 70 recite a series connected transistors operating in two different modes which is broader in scope than the RE37,593 patent claims. A claim is broader in scope than the original claims if it contains within its scope any conceivable product or process which would have infringed the original patent. A claim is broadened if it is broader in any one respect even though it may be narrower in other respects. See MPEP §1412.03.

6. The original patent, or a statement as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before this reissue application can be allowed. See 37 CFR 1.178.

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7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sakihama et al. (U.S. Patent 4,806,789) discloses a plurality of complementary MOSFET transistors operating in different modes.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Son Mai whose telephone number is 703-305-3497.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on 703-308-4910. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7724 for regular communications and 703-308-7724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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Son Mai
Examiner
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